

Air Quality, Blasting and Noise

Noise

In relation to Noise Mitigation our family home at 740 Ridglands Road, Manobalai, home to myself, my sister and brother-in-law and two disabled adult family members was listed in the Environmental Assessment, EPA Pollution licence and the Ministers Consent Conditions 3 and 8 as requiring Noise Mitigation of air-conditioning, insulation, double glazing, sealing, regular solar panel cleaning, regular tank water supply cleaning and reimbursement of electrical costs for operation of the necessary mitigation measures.

We complied with the Conditions of Consent and requested in 2009 and again 2012 that the Noise Mitigation be applied.

Our request met with refusal from Glencore Mangoola and we remain the only pre-Mangoola residence (mine owned or privately owned) that has not received Noise Mitigation.

The refusals to Noise Mitigate follow on my Presidency of the Wybong Action Group which opposed the Anvil Hill Open-cut Coal Mine (Mangoola) from its tender, my teaching and In-Perpetuity Conservation Agreement under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 (NSW) with the NSW Minister for the Environment.

The continued refusal to Noise Mitigate follows on my inclusion in the Design and Technology, Industrial Technology, Engineering Studies Yr 7-10 Courses which I hitherto taught at Muswellbrook High School of Climate Change, IPCC findings, Intergenerational Equity, Hydraulic Fracturing, Species at Risk and Key Threatening Factors whilst my classes were deprived of practical resources for a six month period by Muswellbrook High School.

Ultimately the refusal to Noise Mitigate subjected my family and myself to unmitigated noise at and above the levels contained in the Environmental Assessment, EPA Pollution licence and the Ministers Consent Conditions 3 and 8 over an extended period.

The result, a consequence foreseen by Mangoola, was six months uninterrupted sleep deprivation, loss of 40kg body weight, and loss of mental health. These matters continue to this day. This impact was not restricted to myself but also visited on my sister Louise, her husband Nicholas and disabled family members Duncan and Dylan each of whom was unable to cope with the loss of quiet enjoyment and creation of ill-health and have been forced their home

As a further consequence of Mangoola's undue influence of grants to my State Government Local Public Schools employer I was unfairly dismissed from my teaching position

We believe that the Conditions relating to Noise Mitigation be the responsibility of a body Independent of the mining industry to ensure equity and equality of Noise Mitigation treatments without discrimination, fear or favour.

Community Health and Safety

The health and safety of the immediately impacted communities are NOT considered separately and instead given no greater consideration than non-impacted communities 20 and 30 kilometres distant.

It is clear that my Community of Wybong and in particular , Ridglands Residents, have suffered years of unmitigated impact causing gross ill-health, personal and economic loss.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-03-24/couple-breathes-new-life-into-abandoned-mining-home/8385798>



Couple breathes new life into abandoned mining home

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'Pickering' is a heritage-listed NSW home that dates back to the 1800s but when it and much of the land around it was bought by mining company Glencore, it was feared it would fall to ruin. Glencore's mine manager and keen renovator Tony Israel and his family stepped in and they've been restoring the home to its former glory. Ginny Stein reports.

Ginny Stein

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GINNY STEIN, REPORTER: There's no hiding coal mining's presence on the Pickering estate - the train runs through it.

Pickering is the standout property of dozens bought up by mining company Glencore when it began mining nearby almost a decade ago.

Thanks, who's this?

Pleased to meet you, hi Carolyn.

CAROLINE ISRAEL, PICKERING RESIDENT: Lovely to meet you, too.

GINNY STEIN: Hi.

TONY ISRAEL, OPERATIONS MANAGER, GLENCORE MANGOOLA MINE: Pleased to meet you Ginny.

GINNY STEIN: Hi, Tony. How are you?

TONY ISRAEL: It opens it all up, opens up the view .

CAROLINE ISRAEL: It does, it looks so different looking out over the paddocks now.

GINNY STEIN: The homestead's resident caretakers are Mangoola mine operations manager, Tony Israel and his wife, Caroline.

TONY ISRAEL: Best time to plant coming into spring.

GINNY STEIN: Did you ever think you'd end up in a house like this?

CAROLINE ISRAEL: No, I certainly didn't. You know, I remember being, like, a little girl and I grew up in the country, and there was a couple of big old houses around, and I used to look at them and think, "Oh wow, look at those".

Never, ever thought I'd live in one.

GINNY STEIN: The trade-off for free rent crumbling state heritage-listed property last posted for sale at between \$2-3 million is to restore the homestead to its former glory.

Tony approached Glencore with a plan.

TONY ISRAEL: I looked at this and thought, "Well, you know, there's a few opportunities here", one being closer to work, two, to come into the Denham community and be part of the community in which we operate.

The mine itself, as the crow flies, is about 4.5km to our southern dump.

GINNY STEIN: With a mine on its doorstep, finding a suitable and willing tenant to take on such a large house presented a challenge.

The main house is listed as being of regional historical significance. The original cottage behind the main house, which was built by convicts, is rated one level higher. It means there are strict restoration restrictions.

Glencore, which funds the renovations, leapt at the Israel's offer.

TONY ISRAEL: When we looked to get a tenant for this place, we realised that it was a bit more challenging, so to get someone that would come into a house, but spend the time it takes to keep the place maintained, it would be a tenant's nightmare.

CAROLINE ISRAEL: Once I got past the initial absolute beauty of the building, and walked in the front doors, it was a bit of a shock!

It wasn't, um, in, well, it hadn't been lived in for quite a while so you can imagine it was dirty and dusty and of course things needed doing. There was lots of flies, lots of damp smells and things.

TONY ISRAEL: A nice little bit of a wet area for when you come off farm.

If I step past the door with boots on, I get sent straight back out, so it comes in handy, that's for sure.

GINNY STEIN: Okay, special leave has been granted.

TONY ISRAEL: Okay, yeah, we're all good at the moment.

GINNY STEIN: So how many rooms?

TONY ISRAEL: About 14, including, I guess, a storage cupboard, so the house does look a lot bigger from the outside and I think one of the features of this whole area and this is actually one of the jobs which I've got to fix today, Ginny, is this door. So we might have to go out another one.

GINNY STEIN: From up here, mining operations are clearly visible.

TONY ISRAEL: So, if there's any lighting plants that aren't placed in the right place, or if there's anything a little bit untoward, it's just a matter of picking up the phone and ringing the mine.

There is approximately 54 properties and residences that we do rent out, that are liveable, that we've acquired as part of the acquisitions process.

CAROLINE ISRAEL: Stairs leading over the main house and into the old homestead, where the servants used to live and had covered access to the house. There we go. This is actually my favourite part of the property, historically speaking.

This is the original homestead that was built by the first settler here, Captain Pike, and to me it's just beautiful in its simplicity.

The secret is the cellar.

GINNY STEIN: So this is where the convicts were kept at night?

CAROLINE ISRAEL: So, legend has it, yes. Down there.

GINNY STEIN: Down there?

CAROLINE ISRAEL: Down there. When we first moved here, people would ask me, "Have you seen the ghosts, have you seen the ghosts, have you heard the ghosts"? And I will actually say that I've never had any supernatural experiences here.

GINNY STEIN: The door that's moving behind you?

CAROLINE ISRAEL: No, that's just the wind, Ginny.

GINNY STEIN: The Israels know that, one day, they will have to move on. When mining ends, the house will be put back on the market again.

CAROLINE ISRAEL: So it will be difficult to leave it, and especially the peace, the quiet, and the beautiful lifestyle that we've had here.

But it'll also be a privilege to hand it on to the next people that are in here.

The 'Full Noise Treatment' provided the Shewan family by Glencore is far less favourable than the treatment provided every other sensitive receiver, regardless of Noise Mitigation Status, including being far less favourable than the Noise Mitigation and other works provided Glencore Manager Tony Israel. Free Rent. Free Costs. Free Restoration. Free Noise Mitigation. Corporate Cost > \$2million AUD. Fringe benefits tax ?

Raines Residence * Zero noise rated
OUTSIDE noise management zone
 2 x carer pensions, 1 DSP

ducted air conditioning & units
 power supply upgrade
 underground power
 underfloor insulation
 ceiling insulation
 sarking
 filtered air
 COLA
 running costs
 water tank cleaning

Power Residence *
OUTSIDE noise management zone
 attended noise monitoring
 noise treatment requested
 water tank cleaning

Morgan Residence * #
OUTSIDE noise management zone
 35 dba rated
 2 x Retired
 Full ducted a/c, running costs,
 water tank cleaning

Shewan Residence * #
WITHIN noise management zone
 attended noise monitoring
 refused 37 dba rated
 2 x DSP + 1 x Disability, Carer
 consent request 2007, 2010
 noise treatment refused
 as deemed not warranted

Burton Residence *
 Outside noise management zone
 attended monitoring performed
 Retired
 noise treatment requested
 water tank cleaning

Clay Residence *
OUTSIDE zone
 2 x Age Pension #
 ducted air 35 dba rated
 conditioning
 underground power
 power upgrade
 water tank cleaning
 running costs

Hamson Residence *
 within noise management zone #
 2 x aged pension
 37 dba rated
 7 air conditioning units
 incl veranda
 power supply upgrade
 underground power
 underfloor insulation
 ceiling insulation
 sarking
 filtered air
 water tank cleaning
 running costs

Manwarring Residence * #
 within noise management zone
 disability wheelchair
 37 dba rated
 8mm glazing
 ducted air conditioning
 ceiling insulation
 power supply upgrade
 water tank cleaning
 running costs

Johnson Residence #
WITHIN noise management zone
 noise treatment unknown

White Residence * #
OUTSIDE noise management zone
 attended noise monitoring
 water tank cleaning
 treatment requested

Orr Residence # 37 dba rated
WITHIN noise management zone
 noise treatment unknown

Nightingale Residence # 35 dba rated
OUTSIDE noise management zone
 Business, noise monitoring
 ducted air conditioning
 separate a/c power supply metering billed to Mangoola
 insulation
 building repair to seal, filtered water supply

**General Standard of
 Treatments to Xstrata owned
 & tenanted homes &
 community & by other mines**

ducted air conditioning all rooms
 power supply upgrade
 solar hot water system
 ceiling insulation
 under floor insulation
 in wall insulation
 sarking
 roof ventilation
 filtered air & rain tank water supply
 to 13 mm glazing
 running costs
 required construction on install

